

United States Forest Service
Tonto National Forest

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM
Special Restrictions

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a), the following acts and omissions are prohibited within each component of the National Wilderness Preservation System located within the exterior boundaries of the Tonto National Forest as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “restricted area), within Gila, Maricopa, and Pinal Counties, Arizona:

1. Possessing any non-burnable food or beverage containers, including deposit bottles, except for non-burnable containers designed and intended for repeated use. 36 CFR 261.57(d)

2. Grazing any pack or saddle animal. 36 CFR 261.57(e)

For the purpose of this Order, grazing is defined as: To put livestock to feed upon growing grass or herbage as its principle source of feeding, or for a period longer than 12 hours at the same location.

3. Storing equipment, personal property or supplies. 36 CFR 261.57(f)

4. Disposing of debris, garbage, or other waste. 36 CFR 261.57(g)

5. Possessing or using a wagon, cart or other vehicle. 36 CFR 261.57(h)

6. Using a trail, trailhead, campsite, or other land area of the National Wilderness System by more than fifteen (15) persons at any one time or traveling as a single party; or more than fifteen (15) head of pack or saddle animals used or possessed by that party. 36 CFR 261.58(f)

SALT RIVER CANYON WILDERNESS AREA ONLY

7. Entering or being in the Salt River Canyon Wilderness Area in any type of watercraft between March 1 and May 15 of each year without a permit. 36 CFR 261.52(a)

8. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire in the Salt River Canyon Wilderness Area, except those contained within a camp stove, a fire pan, or on a fire blanket. 36 CFR 261.52(a)

9. Disposing of debris, garbage, or other waste, including human solid waste within ¼ mile of the Salt River, in the Salt River Canyon Wilderness Area. 36 CFR 261.57(g)

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All trips must possess a portable toilet system to collect all solid human waste for proper disposal at an appropriate waste facility. All solid human waste must be carried out of the river corridor (including toilet paper and personal hygiene items).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED

The restricted area includes all components of the National Wilderness Preservation System that fall within the exterior boundaries of the Tonto National Forest. Those areas include the Four Peaks Wilderness Area, the Hellsgate Wilderness Area, the Mazatzal Wilderness Area, the Salome Wilderness Area, the Salt River Canyon Wilderness Area, the Sierra Ancha Wilderness Area, and the Superstition Wilderness Area; all depicted in Exhibit A of this Order.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect and preserve wilderness resources and values within the Tonto National Forest.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective immediately upon execution of the Order and will remain in effect for five years from the date of execution, unless terminated sooner.
2. These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions found at 36 CFR 261, Subpart A.
3. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].

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Done this 24th day of November, 2008, at Phoenix, Arizona.

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